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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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DATE: November 2, 2016
TYPE OF INCIDENT: Assault
COMPLAINT NUMBER: 16-148116
INVESTIGATOR: Det. Marcus Glover
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL: Lieutenant Al Roetman

*****UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2016*****

On Monday October 31st, 2016 during the early morning hours the victim, William “Andy” McFarland, passed away from injuries he received during this incident.

On Wednesday November 2, 2016 KCSD Investigators were in discussion with the Kent County Prosecutors Office in reference to enhancing the original charge to 2nd Degree Murder. The prosecutor’s office confirmed that original charge will be enhanced to 2nd Degree Murder. An arraignment date/time has not been scheduled at this time.

The suspect, Christian Hillman 18 years of age is currently lodged at KCCF on the original charges.

*****UPDATE – OCTOBER 5, 2016*****

On October 4, 2016, the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office authorized a warrant for Christian William Hillman, 18 years old from Ada, for Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder. Christian was arrested the same day and lodge at the Kent County Correctional Facility awaiting arraignment.

The victim, William McFarlan, 64 years old from Caledonia, is still hospitalized with serious injuries.

*****UPDATE*****

Detectives interviewed a person of interest in this incident; however, no arrest was made. Detectives are continuing to interview witnesses and investigate the assault. Once

the investigation is complete the case will be forwarded to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office.

At 8:55 p.m. deputies were dispatched to what was initially reported as an unknown accident in the 6100 block of Whitneyville Ave., Caledonia Township. When Deputies arrived they found a 64 year old man who had been severely beaten.

Witnesses were able to describe that this was an incident of road rage and that the man was assaulted by up to three young men. The suspects fled north on Whitneyville Ave. on a blue and white dirt bike style motorcycle and a red and white 4-wheeler. Neither of the off road vehicles had head lights. They were last seen heading east of 52nd St SE.

Deputies then began a door to door neighborhood canvass on 52nd St. while doing this a suspect was developed, located and then transported to the detective bureau for questioning. The motorcycle and 4-wheeler were located along with other evidence from the scene.

At the time of this release the suspects were still being questioned by Detectives and no arrests have been made.

The victim remains in critical condition.